



Murrayville Community College

First Aid Policy

includes arrangements for ill students



HELP FOR NON-ENGLISH SPEAKERS

If you need help to understand the information in this policy, please contact Murrayville Community College on 03 5095 2001 or murrayville.cc@education.vic.gov.au.

PURPOSE

To ensure the school community understands our school's approach to first aid for students.

SCOPE

First aid for anaphylaxis is provided for in our school's *Anaphylaxis Policy* and asthma in our *Asthma Policy*.

POLICY

This policy should be read with 's *First Aid, Administration of Medication, Anaphylaxis*.

From time-to-time staff might need to administer first aid to students at school or school activities.

Parents/carers should be aware that the goal of first aid is not to diagnose or treat a condition.

Staffing

The Principal will ensure that has sufficient staff with the appropriate levels of first aid training to meet the first aid needs of the school community.

Our school's trained first aid officers are listed in our Emergency Management Plan (EMP) and our Staff training register. Our EMP and Staff training register includes the expiry dates of the training.

This list is reviewed on an annual basis as part of the annual review of our Emergency Management Plan.

First aid kits

will maintain:

- A major first aid kit which will be stored in the Staff Room.
- 4 portable first aid kits which may be used for excursions, camps, or yard duty. The portable first aid kits will be stored:
 - Camps & Excursion kit/s at the First Aid Station
 - Primary Duty Kit – Primary Kitchen on hook
 - Secondary Duty Kit – Secondary Staff Work area (hat stand)

Jessica McKee will be responsible for maintaining all first aid kits, ensuring they are managed in accordance with the Department's policy and guidance on first aid kits – refer to [First aid kits](#).

Care for ill students

Students who are unwell should not attend school.

If a student becomes unwell during the school day, they may be directed to the sick bay and monitored by staff. Depending on the nature of their symptoms, staff may contact parents/carers or an emergency contact person to ask them to collect the student.

First aid room/sick bay area

Our school follows the Department's policy and guidance in relation to our sick bay to ensure it is safe, hygienic and appropriately equipped: [First aid rooms and sick bays](#).

First aid management

If there is a situation or incident which occurs at school or a school activity which requires first aid to be administered to a student:

- Staff who have been trained in first aid will administer first aid in accordance with their training. In an emergency situation, other staff may assist in the administration of first aid within their level of competence.
- In a medical emergency, staff may take emergency action and do not need to obtain parent/carer consent to do so. Staff may contact Triple Zero "000" for emergency medical services at any time.
- Staff may also contact NURSE-ON-CALL (on 1300 60 60 24) in an emergency. NURSE-ON-CALL provides immediate, expert health advice from a registered nurse and is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.
- If first aid is administered for a minor injury or condition, will notify parents/carers via a phone call or email.
- If first aid is administered for a serious injury or condition, or in an emergency situation, school staff will attempt to contact parents/carers or emergency contacts as soon as reasonably practical.
- If staff providing first aid determine that an emergency response is not required but that medical advice is needed, school staff will ask parents/carers, or an emergency contact person, to collect the student and recommend that advice is sought from a medical practitioner.
- Whenever first aid treatment has been administered to a student will:
 - record the incident on in the first aid book and/or edusafe plus
 - If the first aid treatment is provided following a [recorded incident](#), the details are recorded through the eduSafe Plus *Incident* form. For all other presentations, the eduSafe Plus *Sick Bay* form is used.
 - if first aid was administered in a medical emergency, follow the Department's [Reporting and Managing School Incidents Policy](#), including reporting the incident to the Department's Incident Support and Operations Centre on 1800 126 126 where required to under that policy.

In accordance with guidance from the Department of Education and Training, analgesics, including paracetamol and aspirin, will not be stored at school or provided as a standard first aid treatments. This is because they can mask signs of serious illness or injury.

COMMUNICATION

This policy will be communicated to our school community in the following ways:

- Available publicly on our school's website
- Included in staff induction processes and staff training
- Hard copy available from school administration upon request

FURTHER INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

This policy should be read in conjunction with the following policies on the Department's Policy and Advisory Library (PAL):

- Appendix I – Biannual First Aid briefings for staff
- [Anaphylaxis](#)
- [Asthma](#)
- [Blood Spills and Open Wounds Management](#)
- [OHS Management System \(OHSMS\) Employee Health, Safety and Wellbeing](#)
- [Health Care Needs](#)
- [Infectious Diseases](#)
- [Medication](#)
- [Syringe Disposals and Injuries](#)

The following school policies are also relevant to this First Aid Policy:

- Administration of Medication Policy
- Anaphylaxis Policy
- Asthma Policy
- Duty of Care Policy
- Health Care Needs Policy

POLICY REVIEW AND APPROVAL

Policy last reviewed	May 2023
Approved by	Principal
Next scheduled review date	Before May 2027

Appendix I – Bi-annual First Aid briefings for all staff

Bi-annual briefings are to be conducted at a staff meeting at the beginning of Terms 1 and 3 each year and are to include the following information:

- Identification of all First Aid trained staff and the location of First Aid equipment
- A recap of the following Basic First Aid Principles, and specific treatment options for life threatening conditions:

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- Danger
- Response
- Send for Help
- Airway
- Breathing
- CPR
- Defibrillation

CPR

- Review the basics of CPR

Asthma

1. Review students that are known asthma sufferers and their action plans
2. Familiarise all staff with signs & symptoms of asthma
3. Familiarise with the steps for treating Asthma, including when to call an ambulance.

Anaphylaxis

1. Review students that have an Anaphylaxis diagnosis and their action plans
2. Familiarise all staff with signs & symptoms of Anaphylaxis
3. Familiarise with the steps for treating Anaphylaxis, including when, where and how to administer adrenalin through an EpiPen and when to call an ambulance.

Suspected Spinal injuries

1. A major/heavy collision or a fall from a height will be treated as a suspected spinal injury.
2. The patient should **not** be moved before the patient is assessed by a qualified first aider.
3. The first aider will determine whether an ambulance needs to be called.

Head trauma

1. If the patient has had a trauma to the head, the first aider will suspect concussion, regardless if there has been any loss of consciousness
2. All patients should be referred to hospital for observation.
3. Patients may be transported to hospital by parents or ambulance.

Eye trauma

1. All patients should be referred to hospital for treatment.
2. Patients may be transported to hospital by parents or ambulance.

Diabetes

1. Review students that have diabetes diagnosis.
2. Familiarise all staff with signs and symptoms of high and low blood sugar and the actions that need to be taken.